

Georgia Southern University

Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

University Libraries News Blog

Newsletters

2-26-2003

Current Issues Only Newsletter

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/lib-news-online>



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "Current Issues Only Newsletter" (2003). *University Libraries News Blog*. 769.
<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/lib-news-online/769>

This newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Newsletters at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in University Libraries News Blog by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu.

Current Issues Only

February 26, 2003

Zach S. Henderson Library • Number 102 • Georgia Southern University

IN THIS ISSUE

- * [Henderson Library Participates in National Survey of Library Service Quality](#)
- * [New Databases Added to GALILEO](#)
- * [Web Sites You Might Find Interesting](#)
- * [Civil War Letters in Special Collections Tell Tragic Story](#)



Henderson Library in National Survey of Library Service Quality

Henderson Library is one of more than 300 university libraries participating in a national electronic survey being conducted by Texas A & M University and the Association of Research Libraries. In addition to offering participating libraries an opportunity to obtain valuable feedback on their performance, the researchers are attempting to identify academic library service norms and best practices by pooling the data. The survey will be an important part of Henderson Library's strategic planning, because it will:

- * help us better understand how the Georgia Southern University community rates library services;
- * allow us to benchmark Georgia Southern against the other participating university libraries;
- * help us identify where to focus on service improvements for Georgia Southern users.

A random sample of all Georgia Southern students and faculty has been selected. Those in the sample will be invited to complete the web-based questionnaire, with complete assurance that their responses will be confidential. In fact, no identifying links between responses and respondents are retained after the results are aggregated and analyzed. Only combined data are reported, and we will share those results with the Georgia Southern community.

Survey respondents will be given the opportunity to be included in a drawing for a Palm Pilot or other prizes, without sacrificing the confidentiality of their responses.

New Databases Added To [GALILEO](#)

Two databases have been added to GALILEO's Digital Library of Georgia: **Georgia Historic Books** and **Historic Architecture and Landscapes of Georgia: The Hubert Bond Owens and John Linley Image Collections at the Owens Library**.

Georgia Historic Books database contains full-text, fully searchable books related to Georgia's history and culture. Most titles were written from the 19th to early 20th century and focus on Georgia history, biography, and literature. This database will ultimately contain about 300 titles. Currently, 76 titles have been entered. Selected titles include *A history of Tybee Island, Ga.: and a sketch of the Savannah & Tybee Railroad* by Beale H. Richardson, *Echoes from the battlefield: or, Southern life during the war* by Noble C. Williams, and *The making of a statesman and other stories* by Joel Chandler Harris. Books in this collection have been selected from bibliographies on Georgia history and also on the advice of historians, librarians, and other experts on the literature and history of Georgia. **Historic Architecture and Landscapes of Georgia: The Hubert Bond Owens and John Linley Image Collections at the Owens Library** contains images of important and representative architectural sites and landscapes in the state, with an emphasis on Athens and Middle Georgia. Included are images of color slides and black and white photographs taken from the 1940s through the 1980s. Images in this collection are drawn from collections held at the Owens Library in the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia.



Web Sites You Might Find Interesting

[Government Science Portal](#)

This site by Science.gov is a gateway to authoritative selected science information provided by U.S. Government agencies, including research and development results. Explore selected Web sites by topics ranging from Agriculture & Food to Science Education.

[Feeding America: The Historic American Cookbook Project](#)

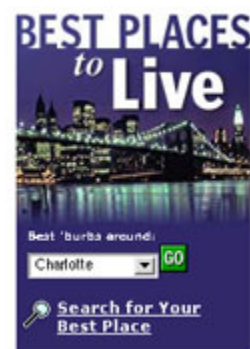
The Michigan State University Library and the MSU Museum present this online collection of the most important and influential 19th and early 20th century American cookbooks

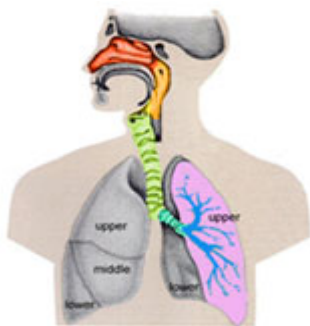
[Tonight's Sky](#)

Each day's segment is designed to guide your eye to something you can see that night, or the next morning before dawn. It might be a constellation, a star, or a planet. Or it might be a celestial event, such as an eclipse.

[Best Places to Live](#)

Money magazine's editors picked the top neighborhoods around America's 10 favorite big cities. The magazine editors surveyed more than 1,200 cities and chose the top 10 cities. Conclusions were based on a city's rate of population growth, real estate demand and local income levels.





[The Virtual Autopsy](#)

This Web site allows you to be the pathologist. You're presented with several case studies including symptoms, examination and test results, progression of the case and an "interactive cadaver."

[Used Books Search](#)

A used books search engine for secondhand, rare and out of print books. Search, browse and buy online from thousands of bookstores worldwide.

Civil War Letters in Special Collections Tell Tragic Story

Special Collections has received a group of six original letters written by Confederate soldier Asbury Wesley Hodges (1829-1864) of west Bulloch County to his wife Rutha and their four children, as well as one letter from her to him. The laminated letters were donated by Mr. William H. Moore, a descendant of Rutha, who married Hardy Moore following her husband's death. Photocopies and typescripts of twenty letters of the correspondence are at the State Archives, all of which were printed in the Bulloch County Historical Society's 1987 *A Bulloch Tapestry*. Hodges enlisted in 1862 despite poor health that meant spending much of the war in hospitals. Although he had spent some time in Virginia, he was killed fighting Sherman's advance into Georgia, either at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain or Peachtree Creek; both the details of Hodges' death and his burial place are unknown.

[Return to Current Issues Only Index](#)

[Return to Henderson Library Information Page](#)



Last updated 2/26/03.